

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is Claimed Is:

1-71. Canceled

72. (Currently Amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:

an enclosure that includes walls;

a heating element inside the enclosure;

a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates in combination with at least one rod form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include any structure extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate, and wherein at least one of the plates has a plurality of teeth situated around its peripheral boundary; and

an exhaust vent located in one of the walls of the enclosure, the exhaust vent having an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

73. (Previously Presented) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the exhaust vent is louvered.

74. (Previously Presented) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, whereby heated air escapes the rotisserie oven by first moving up inside the enclosure past the exhaust vent and then moving down inside the enclosure.

75. (Previously Presented) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, further comprising a plurality of exhaust vents, each of the plurality of exhaust vents having an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

76. (Previously Presented) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, whereby heated air escapes the rotisserie oven by first moving up inside the enclosure past the plurality of exhaust vents and then by moving downward inside the enclosure.

77. (Previously Presented) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the enclosure includes a roof, a wall and a curved section and the exhaust vent is located in the curved section.

78. (Previously Presented) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, wherein the enclosure includes a roof, a wall and a curved section and the plurality of exhaust vents are located in the curved section.

79. (Original) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

80. (Original) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

81. (Original) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 77, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

82. (Original) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 78, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

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88. (Previously Presented) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising: an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from the wall to the roof;

a heating element inside the enclosure;

a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates in combination with at least one rod form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include a rod

extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate;

an exhaust vent located in the curved section; and

wherein the exhaust vent has an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

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90. (Previously Presented) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising: an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from the wall to the roof;

a heating element inside the enclosure;

a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates are in physical communication and form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include any structure extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate;

a plurality of exhaust vents of located in the curved section; and

wherein the plurality of exhaust vents have an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

91. (New) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72 wherein at least one of the plates has an inner side, a peripheral boundary, and an interior area wherein the interior

area and the peripheral boundary are positioned in two different planes.